

What exactly would it be that either party here would be trying to justify with this scientific/statistical evidence? (This is regarding Chairman Powell's questioning of current regulations and quest for less regulation.) Is it whether or not the quality of news suffers when its media is owned by a single company? Is it whether or not the quality of news suffers more when multiple sources of the news are owned by a single company? I don't think that there is any doubt that news suffers at least a little when owned by a company that is not the newspaper (television, radio, etc.) itself (lest a story incriminate the owning company or one of its top staff, for example). Will the scientific evidence that Chairman Powell speaks of prove this, or will it turn into a justification for how much suffering of the news is acceptable? Where will the line be drawn between a "flicker" of the "American ideal", and an "extinguished" "flame"? The flame is already flickering, please don't make it worse by lifting what regulations we have left.